

## Polling teams reach all polling stations in Ramban district

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: Polling teams have safely reached designated polling stations across Ramban District scheduled to go for polling tomorrow as the district forms part of 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency.

The teams of officials were dispatched from different locations here under the supervision of District Election Officer (DEO), Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary.

"Polling parties with EVMs and necessary materials, accompanied by security personnel have reached their destinations safely, despite moderate rainfall in the district" the DEO informed. HE added that over 2.19 lakh registered voters are set to exercise their right to vote in the district.

To ensure integrity of the electoral process, around 2211 polling staff including Zonal Magistrates, Sector Magistrates, Micro Observers, Zonal Officers, and Sector Officers and 2539 personnel from CAPF and Police have been deployed across the district.



Polling teams reaching at designated polling stations across Ramban.

The District has 12 special/model polling booths including Pink polling stations, Youth Polling stations, PwD Polling Stations, operated by women, youth and Persons with Disabilities (PwD) employees respectively.

Comprehensive arrangements for transportation, accommodation, and other essential facilities have been meticulously put in place in both assembly segments, AC-54 Ramban and AC-55 Banihal, catering to the needs of all polling staff and security personnel.

The District Administration has reaffirmed the provision of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) at all 348 polling stations across the district, ensuring convenience of voters remains a top priority.

Following the flagging off of polling parties from Election Strong Room Ramban, the DEO reiterated the importance of voter participation in shaping the government and strengthening democracy.

As the polling teams embarked on their mission to conduct the Lok Sabha Elections-2024 in Ramban district, DEO Ramban urged voters to recognize their pivotal role in this

democratic process.

With the assurance of fool proof security and comprehensive arrangements in place, the DEO encouraged all eligible voters to exercise their right to vote on April 19, 2024, and contribute towards building a stronger, more inclusive society.

Later, DEO and the Deputy Inspector General of Police, DKR Range, Shridhar Patil, along with SSP, Anuj Kumar, ADC, Varunjeet Singh Charak, and other senior officers visited Pink Polling Station, at Maitra-A and inspected election arrangements. The DEO appreciated the arrangements made by the concerned staff in polling stations, especially in pink and other special booths.

Briefing, the media regarding security and law and order arrangements, the DIG said that fool proof security arrangements have been made in District Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar to conduct free, fair and transparent Lok Sabha elections.

### All 654 teams reach designated polling booths in Udhampur District

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: As many as 654 polling teams were today dispatched to the four Udhampur Assembly constituencies, of AC-59 Udhampur West, AC-60 Udhampur East, AC-62 Ramnagar, and AC-61 Chenani for smooth conduct of polling in Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency being held tomorrow.

District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai, oversaw the dispatching of the polling parties to far-off destinations, ensuring they were equipped with necessary poll materials and EVMs. The crucial operation was conducted from Government Degree College (Boys) and Government College for Women Udhampur amid heavy security arrangements.

## Pink, Blue & Red Polling booths established in Udhampur for women, Youth & PwD voters

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: In a significant initiative aimed at promoting inclusivity and encouraging women, Youth and PwD participation in the Parliamentary Elections, Udhampur Administration has established Pink, Red & Blue Polling booths here in 4 ACs of the district, which is going to polls tomorrow.

District Election Officer, Udhampur Saloni Rai inspected the Pink polling booth in the town. Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Deputy District Election Officer, Dr Anirudh Rai, District Panchayat Officer, Dr Preeti Sharma and other officers accompanied the



District Election Officer, Udhampur Saloni Rai inspecting a Pink polling booth.

DEO. The DEO informed that the Pink Polling Station, adorned with vibrant hues of pink, symbolizes a safe and welcoming space for women voters. She added that it serves as a beacon of empowerment, inspiring women across the district to step forward and exercise their right

to vote. Pertinent to mention here a total 16 Model polling stations have been established in the district with specific colour coding in which pink specify women managed polling station while red, blue green are being managed by PwD and youth polling parties.

## Police Observer arrives Rajouri to review security scenario in Border District

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Police Observer for Rajouri-Poonch-Anantnag Parliamentary Constituency Akhileshwar Singh reached Rajouri today to review the security preparations related to Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

District Election Officer Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat, Senior Superintendent of Police, Amrit Pal Singh and Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani, Rajeev Magotra along with other officers associated with elections, welcomed the Police Observer.

He chaired a meeting with the key stakeholders and took a comprehensive review of Election preparedness in Sunderbani, with a steadfast commitment to excellence, the Observer meticulously reviewed the security preparedness for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

The occasion served as a

platform to deliberate on various facets crucial to the conduct of free and fair elections. Discussions centered on strategies for maintaining law and order, enhancing security and other measures being put in place for the smooth conduct of the upcoming elections.

The District Election Officer and Senior Superintendent of Police provided a comprehensive briefing to the Police Observer, encompassing meticulous arrangements for logistics, security, and voter facilitation. The Police Observer reiterated the importance of adherence to ECI guidelines by all stakeholders involved in the electoral process. As the Lok Sabha Elections draw near, the district administration, in tandem with law enforcement agencies, is making all out efforts to facilitate a smooth and transparent electoral process.

## World is made up of five perishable elements: Madhuparamhans

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: On the 75th incarnation day of Sadguru Madhuparamhans Maharaj of Sahib Bandgi, lakhs of devotees from India and abroad came to Sant Ashram Ranjadi to have darshan of Sadguru Sahib Ji. While delighting the Sangat with the nectar of his sermons, Sahib said that this world is made up of five perishable elements. Look, when an earthquake occurs in countries like Syria, hundreds of people die. Even when there is a flood, many people die. A fire breaks out, many people get burnt. Storms come, ships sink. That means, if we all are in danger, it is from these five physical elements. This is a danger to the body. But our soul is beyond birth and death. The soul is never destroyed in any time and place. We all see these elements



Sadguru Madhuparamhans Maharaj of Sahib Bandgi delivering religious sermons.

making a splash. Heat comes, fever comes, the brain is also affected. If it exceeds 104 degrees, there is danger. When cold increases, pneumonia occurs in the body. If the lungs get damaged then the person dies. If there is gas problem then heart attack occurs. That is, the five physical elements cause harm to our body. But they cannot do any harm to our soul.

We all live material lives. Do not live an inner life. We get happiness and sorrow. The body is not matching with the way the soul has been explained in the scriptures. The soul is not dependent on anyone. Such explanation is in religious scriptures.

Scientists are saying that we have learned how this universe is created and how it will be destroyed. He has

learned the secret of the black hole. He engulfs the planets and constellations around him and destroys them and absorbs their energy. Will make him formless. Right now all the energy of that Creator is deployed in the universe. It is gradually increasing its power and will eventually engulf the entire earth along with its humans.

Then where does the soul go? Cannot destroy the soul. He absorbs the soul within himself.

The beginning of the universe is also like this. Again he spreads his power. Slowly again releases his energy. People know even this. Don't know beyond this.

When the soul is unable to do anything, then the country of the soul must be somewhere ahead, which will not be destroyed. Niranjan has made this cage of the body to trap the soul.

## Expenditure Observer Jammu PC supervises Excise Dept's destruction drive of wild cannabis

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Expenditure Observer for Jammu Parliamentary Constituency (PC), Samatha Mulla mudri on Thursday visited Bishnah, where he supervised destruction of wild cannabis along the Bishnah Banachak road. The operation was carried out by Excise Department highlighting a proactive stance towards preserving electoral fairness and environmental sustainability. Accompanied by Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive) Jammu, Kusum Sharma, the Election Observer actively supervised the meticulous efforts of Excise officials towards weeding out wild cannabis.

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## 607 polling parties dispatched in GPS-Fitted Vehicles for Polling in Kathua

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: As many as 607 poll parties were dispatched today to five assembly segments of Kathua District viz Basohli, Billawar, Hiranagar, Jasrota and Kathua- all part of 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency, which is going to polls tomorrow.

The polling parties were dispatched in 322 GPS-fitted vehicles to navigate through the terrain effectively.

The whole exercise was executed under the supervision of District Election Officer, Dr. Rakesh Minhas along with SSP, Shivdeep Singh Jamwal and Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) from Kathua, Hiranagar, and Jasrota.

The dispatch operation saw the mobilization of 322 GPS-fitted vehicles to ensure the



Polling parties dispatching from Kathua.

prompt and secure transportation of polling personnel to their designated stations. With the collaborative efforts of the electoral administration and law enforcement, every precaution has been taken to facilitate a fair and transparent voting process.

Of notable significance, Kathua district boasts 701 polling stations, underscored

the scale of logistical coordination required for successful elections.

Earlier on Wednesday, 94 polling parties were dispatched to the Bani assembly segment, fortified with adequate security measures to safeguard the sanctity of the electoral process.

While speaking on the occasion, DEO Kathua said "We

have spared no effort in organizing and coordinating this massive logistical operation to ensure a smooth and fair electoral process. The deployment of GPS-fitted vehicles and the collaboration between various authorities demonstrate our commitment to ensure polling process as per the ECIs mandate to uphold the transparency and security"

These polling teams were equipped with mandatory polling related logistics, EVMs besides Umbrella, masks and sanitizers to execute their duties while adhering to all safety precautions.

The district Kathua is part of Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency is slated to go for poll on 19 April from 7 AM to 6 PM under phase 1 of the Lok Sabha Elections-2024.

## Workshop on 'Investigation of Cyber Crime' held at SKPA



Renowned Cyber expert, Gurucharan Singh from CDTI Chandigarh delivering lecture at SKPA Udhampur.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: A workshop on "Investigation of Cyber Crime" was conducted on Thursday at SKPA Udhampur, attended by 62 Probationary Deputy Superintendents of Police undergoing the Basic Induction Course, along with 10 Police Officers/Officials of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The workshop aimed to enhance the capabilities of the attending Probationary Officers and investigating officers/officials of the J&K Police. Renowned Cyber expert, Gurucharan

Singh from CDTI Chandigarh, was specially invited to lead the workshop. The sessions encompassed extensive discussions, practical demonstrations, and deliberations covering various cyber-crime types, analysis of CDRs/IPDRs, IP Address tracking, Mobile Forensics, Email Tracing, as well as the collection and preservation of electronic data and Hashing techniques.

The workshop was inaugurated by Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Deputy Director SKPA. In his address, Gupta underscored the significance of

staying abreast of modern techniques in handling cybercrimes, particularly for first responders who play a crucial role in responding effectively to reported cybercrimes. At the conclusion of the workshop, the visiting faculty was honoured with a memento by the Deputy Director as a gesture of appreciation for their insightful and informative lectures.

The coordination of the workshop was overseen by Rakesh Sambyal, Chief Prosecuting Officer SKPA, with the participation of SKPA staff members.

## DEO Kishtwar briefs media about election preparedness

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: District Election Officer (DEO), Kishtwar briefed the media about Election preparedness in the district at a Press conference held here today.

With tomorrow being the voting day for Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency and Kishtwar being its part as largest district area-wise, the DEO divulged in detail the arrangements made to facilitate voters on polling day. Kishtwar district boasts more than 175,000 voters and the DEO reiterated the importance of citizens exercising their democratic right responsibly.

The DEO explained the measures taken to ensure accessibility and assistance to facilitate polling parties dispatched in advance to far-flung areas like Marwah/Waran Machail, Kithar, and others.

The DEO urged citizens to participate actively in shaping the future of the nation by casting their votes responsibly.

## DHEW team starts Women Empowerment campaign

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: On the direction of District Social Welfare Officer Poonch Abdul Raheem, District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) team in collaboration with Special Cell for Women comprising of gender Specialist DHEW Noreen Kouser, Taranpreet Kaur Finance Literacy Specialist



A resource person educating women folk.

DHEW and Tahzeem Akhter Social worker at Special Cell for women visited block Sathra to aware women and young girls about the various Schemes run by Government of India. A

large number of women and young girls of Sathra took part in this awareness campaign.

Noreen Akhter Gender Specialist of DHEW Poonch highlighted different schemes of the

Government of India to all the females of Sathra and advised to all to take maximum benefits of these scheme.

Later, Taranpreet Kaur Specialist in Finance Literacy DHEW Poonch answered various queries related to women employment. She also gave detailed information about the various Schemes run by Government of India and also guided all women's of village Sathra to link with nearest Government run Skill programme such as Cutting and tailoring, Computer programming for employment.

Prominent persons present were Sarpanch Sathra Fazal Hussain and Naib Sarpanch Shah Hussain Shah. At Last Noreen Kouser Gender Specialist DHEW presented a vote of thanks.

## DEO Samba briefs media about election preparedness

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: District Election Officer (DEO) Samba, Abhishek Sharma on Thursday briefed the media about preparedness for Lok Sabha Elections-2024 scheduled in the district on 26th April 2024.

Speaking at a press conference here in Mini Secretariat, the DEO said that necessary circulars detailing the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct to maintain the sanctity of electoral process have been issued

The DEO informed that as many as 2,59,000 voters including 132861 males, 126336 females and one transgender voter spanning across three assembly constituencies are poised to exercise their right to franchise on the Polling Day.

Giving details regarding Model Polling Stations, the DEO said 3 pink and 3



DEO Samba, Abhishek Sharma briefing media.

PwD polling stations have been established in district Samba apart from green and youth polling stations. In addition to this, special camps were conducted during special summary revision, and new voters were added.

He also highlighted that a home voting facility for 514 voters including 169 PwD voters and 345 elderly voters (85+), has been arranged. He said that 49

teams have been constituted for home voting at different locations.

"To facilitate the level playing field for all political parties as per ECI guidelines, online permission facility is available through Encore App and 60 permissions have been issued to different political parties till date," he added and said three meetings were held with political parties to brief them about MCC and other guidelines.

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